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Attorney Docket No.: CIT1390-1

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:
My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AN ESSENTIAL GENE IN A PROKARYOTIC MICROORGANISM**, the specification of which

 X is attached hereto.
 was filed on _____, (Attorney Docket No. CIT-1390-1)
as U.S. Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____
if applicable (the “Application”).

I hereby authorize and request insertion of the application serial number of the Application when officially known.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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With respect to the Application, I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C.
Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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With respect to the Application, I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C.
Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International
application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of
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